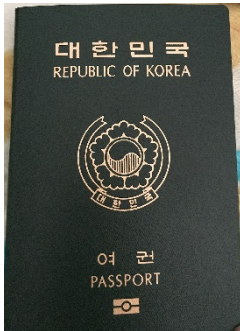


December 2019 KOREA UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Holidays During a Very Busy December!

• **Joe Kye Will Perform in Concert!** [Joe Kye](#), a Korean-American violinist-looper and composer, will perform with [Niema Lightseed](#), a spoken-word poet, and [Sophie Lippert](#), a classical and jazz pianist and cellist, in a “[Connections Concert](#)” on **December 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) at the Old Church Concert Hall at 1422 SW 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201**. Expect a warm, inspiring, and community-oriented afternoon of songs and stories appropriate for all ages from Joe Kye and his fellow performers. Tickets run from \$10 to \$45. For more information and for tickets, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pulse-feat-joe-kye-niema-lightseed-sophie-lippert-tickets-64569126997>.



• **Korean Consulate Provides Consular Services in Portland, OR and Vancouver, WA in December:** Staff from the [Korean Consulate in Seattle](#) will provide an extensive range of consular services in Portland and Vancouver this month. **In Portland the team will offer services on Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday and from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Wednesday at the Korean Community Center at 7650 SW 81st Avenue, Portland, OR 97223.** The Consular team will then travel to **Vancouver, WA to provide services on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Lord’s Church located at 800 E. 29th Street, Vancouver, WA 98663.**

NOTE: Services that are provided include: visas, renunciation of Korean citizenship, applications for family registries and some document confirmations (e.g. bank and document issuance), but **NOT** matters involving inheritance, buying/selling land or court matters). Also, please note that the visiting Consular staff **CANNOT** update expired Korean passports for those who were formerly Korean, but are now naturalized US citizens. For questions or concerns, please email David Kang, KSO Secretary, at: dkang1@farmersagent.com.

AKAP Culture Night and Fundraiser: The [Adult Korean Adoptees of Portland \(AKAP\)](#) invites you to an evening of delicious food from [Kim Jong Grillin](#), entertainment by the [Oregon Korean Performing Arts](#) troupe, and fundraising with a Korean Night Market theme. The [fundraiser](#) will benefit [AKAP](#) programming and a Homeland Tour Scholarship. This important event will be held on **Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 5:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. at the Korean Community Center at 7650 SW 81st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97223. Tickets are \$10.00 per person (children under 10 are free).** For tickets and more information, visit the Eventbrite website at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/akap-culture-night-and-fundraiser-tickets-79086396541>.

•**Oregon Korea Foundation Celebrates Christmas:** Board members of the [Oregon Korea Foundation](#) will celebrate the holidays with a **Christmas party at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Portland Golf Club at 5900 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97225.** Board members will use this opportunity to report on the year’s successes and to recruit new board members. The event is by invitation only. For more information on the event, please contact H.J. Yu, OKF Chair, at: chosunyu@gmail.com.

•**Honorary Consul to Speak to Korean Language Students:** Greg Caldwell, Honorary Consul for the Republic of Korea in Northern Oregon, will speak to Korean-language students enrolled in an online class as part of the Virtual [NSLI-Y, National Security Language Initiative for Youth](#). The class, part of a U.S. Department of State program that provides merit-based scholarships for eligible high school students to learn less commonly taught languages, is being taught by Janet Kyung, a teacher of Korean language at [Baker Prairie Middle School](#) in Canby, Oregon and the vice-principal of the [Oregon Korean School](#). Caldwell will speak to the students in the afternoon of **Wednesday, December 11, 2019** and discuss his experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea and his role as honorary consul. The presentation will be online for the students enrolled in the class and not available to the public.



•**Eugene Forum on “Current State and the Future of the Korean Peninsula” Features Well-Known Speakers:** The [Council of Korean Americans](#) and [Holt International](#) are co-sponsoring this important forum featuring [Kathleen Stephens](#), President/CEO of the [Korea Economic Institute of America](#) and former U.S. Ambassador to Korea; [Dr. Kee Park](#) of [Global Health and Social Medicine](#), Harvard Medical School and Director of North Korea Program for the [Korean American Medical Association](#); and [Dr. Abraham Kim](#), President of the [Council of Korean Americans](#). **The forum will be on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at the University of Oregon at 1430 Johnson Lane, Eugene, OR 97403. The forum begins with presentations at 5:00 p.m. followed by a reception at 6:00 p.m.** RSVP by December 6 to: sykim@holtinternational.org. Many thanks to Honorary

Consul Susan Cox of Eugene for making this event happen!

•**Korean Seniors Association’s Lunch and Christmas Gifts:** The Korean Seniors Association will hold its annual Christmas/End-of-year part on **Friday, December 13, 2019 at 12:00 noon at the Korean Culture Center at 7650 SW 81st Avenue, Portland, OR 97223.** This event is free and all Korean seniors are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at the event and gifts will be distributed to all of the seniors! Please plan to join us.

•**KSO General Meeting Scheduled:** The [Korean Society of Oregon](#) (KSO) will hold its annual end of year general meeting on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Korean Culture Center at 7650 SW 81st Avenue, Portland, OR 97223.** The meeting is open to all. End-of-year reports on activities and finances will be presented. A Korean meal will be served at the event. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Jung-Bang Oh, President of KSO, at ojb17@hanmail.net.

•**Beaverton Night Market and Bazaar to Feature Korean Crafts:** During the **weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) in December, the City of Beaverton will host the Beaverton Night Market Bazaar at the**

Bank of Beaverton Building at 4500 SW Watson Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97005. The market welcomes visitors on Fridays from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 – 10:00 p.m. **Korean crafts will be featured on Saturday, December 14 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Please join us at that time!

•**The Chosin Few Veterans Group to Hold Christmas Banquet:** [The Chosin Few](#) is an association of Korean War veterans who fought in one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War around [the Chosin Reservoir](#) (known in Korean as Jangjin Lake). The local group is very active and holds its annual Christmas banquet in December each year. [The Chosin Few](#) veterans, families and friends will meet again this year on **Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the Monarch Hotel at 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR 97015. The hospitality hour runs from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 1:00 p.m.** The meal is free for members, spouses, and members' widows. Other guests pay \$26.62. For information and payment, please contact Jerry Green at: jgreen24@comcast.net.



•**Asian Health & Service Center's 2019 Community Celebration Luncheon:** The [AHSC](#) invites the Korean community to attend its annual fundraising lunch on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon)** at the [AHSC](#) Portland Main Office at 9035 SE Foster Road, Portland, OR 97266. The luncheon will feature cultural performances from the Asian community. Tickets are \$60 (\$30 is tax deductible) or \$600 per table for 10 guests (\$300 is deductible). Proceeds from this event will be used to support the [AHSC](#) vision and its integrated and holistic care services. Tickets are available by calling the [Asian Health & Service Center](#) at 503-872-8822, ext. 200. The [AHSC](#) plays

an important role in providing health care for members of the Korean community in Oregon. The largest group of volunteers in [AHSC](#) is from the Korean community. Please support the [AHSC](#) and the work they do!

•**Portland State University Offers Classes on Korea in Winter 2020:** From January 6 through March 15, 2020, [Portland State University](#) will offer a number of courses about Korea or related to Korea. Professor Danny Kim will teach a new course titled: "Modern Korea: A Transnational History Through Diaspora." The class will look at Korean history through the lens of the Korean-American, Korean-Japanese (zainichi), Korean-Chinese (Josenjok), Korean-Russian (Goryeo saram) and Korean-Vietnamese (Lai dai han) communities. Professor Junghee Lee will teach "Intro to Asian Art" and "South and Southeast Asian Art," which cover some material on Korea. If you are interested in Korean language, Professor Young Ju Han will teach two sections of "First-Year Korean," and one section of "Second-Year Korean." The class schedules for these courses can be found on the [PSU](#) website at: <https://www.pdx.edu/asian-studies/winter-courses-2020>. Remember that classes at [PSU](#) are free for Oregon residents who are over 65 years of age.

•**Oregon KAHPA Offers \$1,000 Student Healthcare Scholarship:** The [Oregon Korean-American Health Professionals Alliance \(Oregon KAHPA\)](#) has initiated a new scholarship program for students who are enrolled in or plan to enroll in the healthcare field. [Oregon KAHPA](#) hopes to increase cultural competency in the healthcare field by promoting and assisting Korean heritage students through healthcare academic programs. **The application deadline is December 31, 2019** and the award will be announced on March 1, 2020. More information and an application form may be found at: <https://www.kahpaoregon.org/>.

Korean War Veterans Monthly Meeting



•**Chosin Few Monthly Meeting:** The [Chosin Few](#) group will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the High Rocks Restaurant at 915 E Arlington Street, Gladstone, OR 97027.** The group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information about the group, please call Don Mason, President, at 503-641-2383.

•**Korean War Veterans' Meeting/Richard L. Quatier Chapter/Vancouver:** The Richard L. Quatier Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. (coffee and donuts are served from 9:00 a.m.) on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the Boxcar Room at the "40 et 8 Bingo Parlor" at 7607 NE 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98665.** The group always meets the third Wednesday of each month. For more information about the group, contact Ed Barnes, Commander, at 360-695-2180.

•**Korean War Veterans' Meeting/Oregon Trail Chapter:** The [Oregon Trail Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association](#) **will not meet in the month of December.** The group normally meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information about the lunch/presentation, contact Mary Gifford, KWVA Secretary/Treasurer, at megifford@comcast.net or at 503-655-2778

EVENTS OF NOTE:



•**Korean War Veteran Leonard Bernhardt Honored in Washington, D.C. Ceremony:** Leonard Bernhardt and his late wife Georgene Bernhardt were nominated by U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici to be honored by The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute as "2019 Angels in Adoption" in Washington D.C. Leonard and his daughter Darnell and son Darryl attended the gala in the Ronald Reagan Building on November 14th. Susan Cox, Honorary Consul for Korea in Eugene and Vice President of Holt International Children's Services, played a major role in recognizing the Bernhardts for their good work. (Photo of Bernhardt with Congresswoman Bonamici).

As stated in the program from the ceremony: Georgene and Leonard Bernhardt exemplify generosity and compassion. For several decades they have supported organizations whose mission is to find homes for orphaned and abandoned children. They have a heart for all children and in addition to supporting adoption, they fund programs to keep families together. Over the years they have supported family preservation programs for children and families in Korea, Vietnam, Mongolia, Romania, India and Uganda and supported college education for children in Vietnam and Mongolia. Leonard has made dozens of trips to visit the children they support, bringing with him cases of vitamins for the children. Leonard and Georgene have grandchildren from Korea and Romania and this unwavering commitment to adoption and families is shared by their entire family. Leonard was touched by the children he saw in Korea during his service in the Korean War and never forgot them. He is impressed by how grateful the Korean people are to the Veterans and how they teach younger generations to appreciate the sacrifice of the Veterans and

has been a link to the first generation of Korean adoptees who were profoundly impacted by the Korean War. The Bernhardtts are hardworking, down to earth people who want to make a difference in the world. It "makes them feel good" to share their wisdom, love and financial resources to help children and families.



•**Korean War Veteran in Lebanon Receives Ambassador for Peace Medal:**

In early November the [Oregon Veteran's Home](#) in Lebanon, Oregon hosted a military medals presentation to honor eight veteran residents. Each was presented with a beautifully framed display box holding the medals which the veteran was awarded during his/her service. As part of the presentation, Greg Caldwell, Honorary Consul, was invited to award the Korean Ambassador for Peace medal to **Herman A. MacDonald**, a Korean War veteran whose health issues keep him confined to the facility. Mr. MacDonald was accompanied by his lovely and caring wife. Jeremy Woodall, Program Director of the [Veterans' Home](#) and Irv Fletcher, former

president of the Oregon AFL-CIO and a Korean War veteran himself, alerted Caldwell to MacDonald's situation and asked that the medal be presented at the ceremony. Congratulations to Mr. MacDonald. The Korean nation thanks you for your service!



•**K-Pop Academy a Great Success!** Approximately 50 Portland area residents (almost all of whom were non-Korean) joined the first-ever Portland K-Pop Academy at the Korean Culture Center. The event was hosted by the [Korean Culture Center in Los Angeles](#). The students enrolled in either the vocal class or the dance class for three hours each evening from November 4 – 9, 2019. Famous K-Pop instructors flew from Korea to teach the classes for the six-night program. Students ranged in age from nine years old to 50+ and all had

an amazing experience. At the end of the week the students exhibited their skills at a final show for their families and friends. There was a tight bond between the participants and on the final night there were many tears because the week was over. Thank you to the members of the Portland Korean community who served as translators, drivers, and technicians for the event! Thank you to KIMWA (Korean Intermarried Women's Association) and the local Target store which provided refreshments each evening. A special thank you to the [Korean Culture Center in Los Angeles](#) for bringing this wonderful program to Portland!

UPCOMING EVENTS / January 2020

•**Korean Storytime Comes to [Beaverton City Library](#):** Ms. Jihye Park, a faculty member of the [Oregon Korean School](#), and the [Beaverton City Library](#), have announced plans to team up to provide "Korean Storytime" on the first Saturday afternoon of each month from January through March of 2020. If the sessions are well attended, the library plans to extend the Storytime sessions as part of its normal schedule. **The Korean Storytime sessions will be offered from 3:00 – 3:45 p.m. the first Saturday of each month (Saturdays on January 4, February 1, and March 7, 2020) at the Beaverton City Library at 12375**

SW 5th Street, Beaverton, OR 97005. The sessions will be in the Korean language and you are encouraged to bring your children or grandchildren to the sessions. Please mark your calendars now and support this important event! In making the announcement to the community, Ms. Park cites her appreciation for the support of the [Oregon Korean School](#) Principal, Ms. Sunhee Ho, who continues to encourage and support the Korean Storytime series.

•**Literary Seminar on Min Jin Lee:** Think book club meets your favorite college English class. A wonderful opportunity to discuss award winning books, [Pachinko](#) and [Free Food for Millionaires](#) in community. There are scholarships and reduced rates available (more info at the bottom of the page at the [link](#)). There are six sessions on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. from January 8-February 19, 2020. (No meeting on January 15th). Your guide will be [Hannah Kim](#). In addition, this seminar includes a ticket to see Min Jin Lee speak at her sold-out [lecture](#)! You can sign up at [this link](#). Feel free to direct any questions to the guide at: hannahkim@alumni.usc.edu.

•**Well-known Pianist, Dasol Kim, performing in January:** Among his many noteworthy engagements, [Dasol Kim](#) is currently performing the complete cycle of the 32 Beethoven Piano Sonatas in Switzerland and Korea over a four year period. He is a sought-after concerto soloist who has appeared with the New York Philharmonic in Seoul, Tonhalle Orchestra Zurich, Berlin Konzerthaus Orchestra, Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, Orchestre de la Suisse Romande, Berlin Chamber Orchestra, MDR Leipzig Radio Symphony, Concerto Budapest, Belgium National Orchestra, and Korea's KBS Symphony Orchestra, among others. There will be two performances: **Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Both performances will be in Lincoln Hall at Portland State University at 1620 SW Park Avenue, Portland, OR 97201.** Tickets are approximately \$50.00 and may be purchased at: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?actions=4&p=1>.

If you know of upcoming Korea-related events, please contact Greg Caldwell. 503-452-0683 | caldwell@lclark.edu.